Modernisation of stations

2089. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a number of stations have been selected to be made into world class stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether his Ministry has also taken the help of private companies for this renovation; and

(d) if so, the names of the companies which are doing this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The state wise details of 19 stations identified for making them into world class station is as under:—

Stations identified for making World Class Stations

Sl. No.	Name of the Station	Name of the State
1	Pune	Maharashtra
2	Carnac Bunder	Maharashtra
3	Howrah	West Bengal
4	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
5	Anand Vihar	Delhi
6	Bijwasan	Delhi
7	Amritsar	Punjab
8	Chandigarh	Union Territory
9	New Delhi	Delhi
10	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh
11	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
12	Thiruvanthpuram	Kerala
13	Secunderabad	Andhra Pradesh
14	Ahmedabad	Gujarat
15	Patna	Bihar
16	Bhubaneshwar	Orissa
17	Mathura	Uttar Pradesh
18	Bangalore	Karnataka
19	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Railway level crossing in NE Frontier Railway

2090. SHRI T. R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway crossing construction in the different railway zones of the country during the last three years, State-wise/Zone-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred on their construction during this period; and

(c) the details of railway level crossing proposed to be constructed in the country particularly in NE Frontier railway zone during the year 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) As per existing policy, provision of level crossings is made in consultation with the State Government at the time of laying a new line or within 10 years from the date of its commissioning to traffic. Thereafter, any accommodation work such as level crossing can be provided at a technically suitable location on deposit terms, if such a proposal is sponsored by the State Government/Local bodies duly agreeing to bear the initial cost of construction of the level crossing and one time capitalized cost of recurring maintenance and operational charges. Further, as per policy of Railways, no new unmanned level crossing is permitted on existing lines.

Keeping in view the above policy, no new level crossing has been constructed on existing lines on NE Frontier Railway at Railway's cost. Further, there is no plan to construct new level crossing on the existing lines during the financial year 2006-07. No funds have been allocated for the purpose in the Budget.

Accidents due to negligence of railway personnel

†2091. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of train accidents occured during 2006-07, so far; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.